MEYERHOFF UNDERGRADUATE EXCELLENCE & GINSBERG FAMILY AWARDS



Undergraduate Awards for Leadership, Service, and Scholarship

Friday, May 4, 2018 Gordon Dining and Events Center Overture Room





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Meyerhoff Undergraduate Excellence Awards

From 1993 to 2018, the Meyerhoff Undergraduate Excellence Awards for Leadership, Service, and Scholarship have recognized students who have made outstanding leadership and service contributions to the university and/or the surrounding communities while maintaining a record of academic excellence. The awards are named after the benefactor, Harvey "Bud" Meyerhoff from Baltimore, Maryland. Mr. Meyerhoff, a successful businessman and philanthropist, is a 1948 graduate of UW-Madison.

Ginsberg Family Awards

Beginning in 2018, the Ginsberg Family Awards will continue the tradition of recognizing outstanding student leaders. The Ginsberg family has chosen to offer these awards in honor of the late Dean of Students Paul Ginsberg (Dean of Students from 1970-1987), in recognition of his profound impact on the campus community. These awards will continue Dean Ginsberg's legacy of honoring the student experience.

The 2018 awards are a joint partnership between the Meyerhoff Undergraduate Excellence and Ginsberg Family Awards to ensure the continued support of student excellence scholarships. We thank both benefactors for their commitment to honoring the tenants of leadership, service, and scholarship.

3:00 p.m. Reception

3:30 p.m. Program and Awards Ceremony

Welcome

Lori Berquam Interim Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Dean of Students

Division of Student Life

Featured Speakers

Mary Rouse Emeritus Dean of Students

Erika Gallagher College of Letters & Science

Awards Presentation

Julie Stubbs
Director of Undergraduate Academic Awards
Office of the Provost

Closing

Kate Bradley

Coordinator of Alumni Relations & Advancement Division of Student Life

4:30 p.m. Event End

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Division of Student Life

Jordan Madden

Associated Students of Madison

Academic Major(s): Political Science, Sociology

Jordan has been involved with ASM for two years and has served on a wide range of committees. His commitment to serving students includes working on campaigns to improve access to healthcare for students in need and serving on committees that allocate resources and advocate for affordable education. Jordan's time in ASM has centered around broadening his understanding of social justice and how it impacts his own life and decisions, as well as the need to advocate for others. His experiences in ASM have shaped his career goals and have brought his passion for healthcare advocacy into focus. Jordan will graduate in 2018 with degrees in Political Science and Sociology and is committing to a year of public service before starting law school.

Jesus Del Toro

Center for Leadership and Involvement

Academic Major(s): Latin American, Caribbean, & Iberian Studies, Spanish

Jesus will graduate this spring with degrees in Latin American, Caribbean, & Iberian Studies, and Spanish. He has a strong dedication to serving our community as demonstrated by his internship contributions for United Nations Association of Dane County and Columbia Support Network. His mentorship efforts through the Center for Educational Opportunity and his volunteer work with the Dodge County Jail have also fueld his passion for public service. On campus, Jesus is a member of Lambda Theta Phi Latin Fraternity, Incorporated and served as chapter president. Additionally, Jesus served the Multicultural Greek Council as an executive board member and helped to coordinate dialogue around privilege for men in fraternities. Jesus also works with the Multicultural Student Center and SAFEWalk. Both UW-Madison and our surrounding community have been positively impacted by Jesus and the Center for Leadership & Involvement is excited to honor Jesus with this award.

Katie Silasiri

Center for Leadership and Involvement

Academic Major(s): Community & Nonprofit Leadership, Certificate in Leadership

Katie truly embodies the Wisconsin Experience and her actions as a student have created personal growth of both herself and others. As a student, Katie was a facilitator for the Adventure Learning Programs, the committee chair for the Organization Development Consultants, as well as the crew event manager for Love Your Melon. Katie is passionate about challenging the stigma surrounding mental health and creating an environment where mental health is a priority and discussed openly. She has showcased her leadership capacity by publishing two articles in the Badger Herald and also leading "The Translation Project," which highlights students' stories of mental illness through art. Additionally, she has interned with the National Alliance on Mental Illness in Dane County. Katie's positive impact on UW-Madison's campus and the Madison community has been invaluable. The Center for Leadership & Involvement is thrilled to honor Katie with this award.

Kaitlynne Roling

Center for the First-Year Experience

Academic Major(s): Gender & Women's Studies

Kaitlynne has been an integral student staff leader for the Center for the First-Year Experience. She began as a new student leader in the summer for SOAR, where she helped new students, families, and guests transition to UW-Madison. Because of this experience, Kaitlynne has committed to being a SOAR intern this upcoming summer, where she will assume even more mentorship and leadership responsibility in shaping SOAR and the evening program. Beyond this, Kaitlynne was also an Our Wisconsin facilitator this past fall, navigating challenging conversations about diversity in the community and how the program helps to serve UW-Madison. She was an integral part in ensuring the program's success during its first year being presented to the entire campus residential community.

Matthew Tragesser Dean of Students Office

Academic Major(s): Political Science, International Studies

Matt has worked in the Dean of Students Office for over two years and in that time has become the student lead overseeing scheduling, training and management of the divisional desk. Matt has a strong work ethic and positive attitude that has made him a valuable asset to the front-line work done in the Dean of Students Office. Matt has a passion for legislation and policy which he was able to utilize as a legislative intern for the Wisconsin State Senate in the summer of 2016. Also, Matt is currently a research intern at the John K. MacIver Institute for Public Policy which includes working with legislature and communication directors on state policy issues. Matt has taken his strong communication skills and put them to good use by working for the Daily Cardinal and as a communications intern for the Division of Student Life during his time at UW-Madison.

Yi Wu

International Student Services

Academic Major(s): International Relations, Legal Studies

Yi has served as grant administrator for the Global Badger Experience Grant since it began in January 2017. In a very short amount of time, Yi helped to build this new grant program from the ground up, exceeding the department's expectations and demonstrating great responsibility, creativity, and attention to detail. Yi sets high standards for himself, and he works hard to achieve them. In addition to his impeccable work ethic, Yi is an innovator. He works tirelessly to develop new policies and procedures, publication strategies, and funding opportunities that are more accessible to international student organizations at UW-Madison. It is evident that Yi cares deeply about creating a more inclusive campus community, where students are welcome and encouraged to share their cultures and identities.

Nir Sweetnam

LGBT Campus Center

Academic Major(s): Gender & Women's Studies, Certificates in LGBT Studies, Studio Art

Nir is a senior graduating this spring. Throughout their career at UW-Madison, Nir has navigated the intersections of identity, activism, art, and scholarship while keeping their social and gender justice lens central. During their sophomore year, Nir became involved with the LGBTCC community and attended the LGBTQ Leadership Institute, later serving as a SQUAD facilitator. They currently serve as the CC Accessibility & Program Coordinator, bringing a vital access lens to their work, which includes coordinating the LGBTQ Peer Mentor Program and serving as a facilitator for the Gender Explorers discussion group. Nir has been active with F.H. King and currently works with the Transgender Research Lab on campus. In the community, they volunteer with LGBT Books to Prisoners and are active with the Transliberation Art Coalition- all while maintaining a 3.85 GPA. Nir is the recipient of the Outstanding Digital Media Project Award 2017 and is a member of the Phi Kappa Phi honors society.

Cassandra Peters

McBurney Disability Resource Center

Academic Major(s): Communication Sciences & Disorders

Cassandra will graduate in May 2018 and continue graduate studies in the field of Communication Sciences & Disorders. She wants to make a difference by helping others excel and she credits her disability with molding her into the optimistic, compassionate and persevering person she is today. Cassandra has achieved a 4.0 cumulative GPA while participating in a variety of extracurricular activities. She is a distinguished member of the Madison chapter of the National Student Speech and Language Hearing Association and UW-Madison's Badger Catholic, Cassandra is also a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi, and the National Society for Leadership and Success. She served as vice president of Advocates for Diverse Abilities, a student organization committed to disability awareness. One of her recommenders stated, "Cassandra demonstrated through her academic and personal strengths that she has the potential to become a star and leader in any endeavor she chooses. She's the kind of student who keeps me coming back after more than thirty plus years of teaching."

Janiece Piolet

Multicultural Student Center

Academic Major(s): Psychology, Sociology

Janiece Piolet is a third year Posse scholar and student from Chicago, IL. She has been an advocate for social justice as well as an agent of change on campus and in the community. Janiece brings authentic care, attention to detail, determination, and passion to every project, community, or role she participates in. She strives to excel academically, and also challenges herself and others to make spaces throughout campus more accessible and welcoming for all. Her commitment to inclusion and equity can be witnessed in her work with the Brauer Group Psychology Lab and the Multicutlural Student Coalition where she works to develop intervention workshops and practices that reduce bias and prejudice, as well as to foster solidarity amongst students of color. In addition to these responsibilities, Janiece also serves as a Social Justice Intern at the Multicultural Student Center where she facilitates workshops and various learning experiences for fellow students.

Allison Ebben

Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards

Academic Major(s): Social Work, Spanish, Certificate in Gender & Women's Studies

Allison is a senior graduating in May 2018. Her involvement on campus began as a freshman, when she volunteered for ASM as the assistant to the Task Force on Campus Climate on Sexual Assault. She continued her passion by helping to disseminate the results of the AAU Campus Climate Survey on Sexual Misconduct and Sexual Harassment through campus-wide listening sessions. Allison has also become involved with the Board of Regents, serving on the Student Title IX Advisory Committee. She eventually started working in the Dean of Students Office as an administrative assistant, and emerged as the chair of the Dean of Students Advisory Board to create solutions for student issues. Her student representation on dozens of academic and non-academic misconduct panels has helped to review violations of student codes of conduct and make decisions on appropriate educational sanctions and outcomes. Allison currently serves as a house fellow in the University Residence Halls.

Robert Maniak

Veteran Services & Military Assistance Center

Academic Major(s): Economics

Robert began his studies at UW-Madison after serving 4 years in the United States Marine Corps. He has been an active leader in the campus student-veteran organization, planning social events for veterans and educational events for the student body. Robert also served as an intern for State Representative Michael Schraa and as a legislative assistant to State Representative David Steffen. Robert has worked as a benefits specialist in the campus Veteran Services & Military Assistance Center for three semesters. He'll be graduating in May 2018 with a bachelor's degree in Economics and plans to attend law school.

Schools and Colleges

Kristin Carlson

College of Agricultural & Life Sciences

Academic Major(s): Biology, Certificate in Biocore Honors Biology Program

Kristin has earned Dean's List recognition every semester she has been in CALS and will complete her academic program in just three years. In addition to her outstanding academic achievements, Kristin's record of leadership and service is inspiring. Kristin served as vice-president and president of Beta Beta Beta Honors Biological Society, a student organization which fosters and promotes an understanding and appreciation of the biological sciences. She also served as the treasurer for the CALS Health and Research Society. Kristin engaged in service work during her undergraduate years as well, volunteering regularly at the Wisconsin Institute of Discovery's Saturday Science where she performed science experiments with elementary-aged children. She also worked as an assistant in the Transgenic Animal Facility, a laboratory that supplies transgenic animals for research purposes to laboratories. During her third year, she performed an independent research project at the UW Carbone Cancer Center Lang Lab on prostate cancer tumor epigenetics with the support of the Hilldale Undergraduate Research Award. Kristin's outstanding academic performance and engagement in professional pursuits provides an excellent model for future students.

Emily Jewell

College of Engineering

Academic Major(s): Engineering Mechanics, Mathematics

Emily is a double major in Engineering Mechanics and Mathematics. She has been heavily involved in student organizations since enrolling in the College of Engineering. Currently, she holds officer positions with the engineering honor society Tau Beta Pi and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, and is an executive board member of the Engineering Physics Student Advisory Committee. She has completed 3 semesters of co-op experience and is an undergraduate researcher in the Structural Dynamics Research Group. Emily has been on the Dean's list each semester she's been at UW and will continue her passion for volunteer work in science outreach.

Erika Gallagher

College of Letters & Science

Academic Major(s): English, Social Welfare, Gender & Women's Studies

Erika will graduate this spring, finishing three academic majors. Her involvement on campus includes founding the first-generation English majors (GEM) group, acting as an assistant director of the writing fellows program, and serving on numerous campus committees. She has also facilitated and presented workshops ranging from Ernest Hemingway, Suicide Awareness, and LGBTQ leadership. Erika has extended her passion for English into the community as well, tutoring students at Bayview Community Center, Schools of Hope, and the Boys & Girls Club. English advisor Karen Redfield can attest to her efforts: "Her compassion translates into action, both UW and in the community. She is a woman of her word..." Another recommender states, "Erika has become a leader because of her determination, determination that is unparalleled by any student I have worked with." In addition to pursuing graduate school to be an English teacher, she hopes to one day serve as US Secretary of Education.

Lauren Bullock

College of Letters & Science

Academic Major(s): Communication Sciences & Disorders

Lauren, a first-generation college student from Greenfield, WI, will graduate this spring. Influenced by her advisors in the L&S Center for Academic Excellence, she made the Wisconsin Experience her own, learning far more about life and herself than she initially thought she would. She earned high praises from the Summer Collegiate Experience instructors for her exemplary work and has been recognized on the Dean's List four times. Lauren is currently the undergraduate president of the National Student Speech Language Hearing Association and is working on a drive to support Madison School and Community Resources summer enrichment program. She volunteers at Midvale Elementary School, assisting the school's Speech-Language Pathologist with therapy sessions preparation and planning, and interacting with students during their sessions. She has led a canned food drive for the River Food Bank, a book drive to increase literacy in Dane County, and volunteered at local 5K's and fashion shows supporting individuals with disabilities. This fall, Lauren will be pursuing a Masters in Communicative Disorders at Michigan State University.

Angela Siegel School of Education

Academic Major(s): Rehabilitation Psychology

Angie is a graduating senior who will be starting a Doctor of Physical Therapy program at UW-Milwaukee this fall. She has excelled academically towards this goal, earning a 4.0 GPA. She honed her research skills through working in the STEM Interest Lab in the Educational Psychology department, becoming a trainer to new students in the lab and co-authoring a publication from her research. Angie has enacted her penchant for service in many areas. She answered the call to be a conversational English tutor and is a peer leader for Anatomy. Angie has embraced her time on campus by taking every service opportunity further than required. She volunteered in the Adaptive Fitness program and joined the Leadership in Adaptive Fitness program. Further, in her work with the Neighborhood House Community Center, she helped develop an Adult Wellness Program and has continued to work there as facility supervisor. Angie stated that her work with people of all ages has given her "a view out of her sheltered reality to see the inequitable structuring of society and to appreciate the resilience of everyday heroes."

Meredith Braza

School of Human Ecology

Academic Major(s): Human Development & Family Studies, Communication Sciences & Disorders

Meredith is graduating in May 2018 with majors in Human Development & Family Studies and Communication Sciences & Disorders. During her time on campus, Meredith has made an extraordinary impact. She has demonstrated great leadership through her many activities, including engaging in rigorous research, interning at the Down Syndrome Association of Wisconsin, Inc., and serving as president of the Students for Families and Children student organization. She also co-instructed the "Wisconsin Experience Seminar" and "Strategies for Inclusive Education" courses. Meredith plans to attend graduate school to continue engaging in research and community service, and hopes to eventually teach at a college level where she can nurture her love for welcoming and mentoring students.

Amanda Baumgartner School of Nursing

Academic Major(s): Nursing

Amanda is a senior graduating this spring. Throughout her college career, Amanda has relied on loans, scholarships and work to pay for her education. Not only has she worked several hours a week, but she has been very involved in student organizations as well as community service activities. In Global Medical Brigades, she has served on its board and traveled to Nicaragua for a 10-day trip with a group that offers free medical services and public health assistance to low-income communities. She volunteers with a student-run free clinic in Madison and is on the executive board of the Student Nurses Association. Even more, Amanda volunteered her time with a young child in the Madison area that was experiencing homelessness. She spent 3 hours each week for two years visiting this child, establishing a meaningful relationship, and providing him a stable presence in his young life. This remarkable young woman gives several hours of her time devoted to others weekly, alongside work and maintaining an excellent GPA.

Hannah Keeser

Wisconsin School of Business

Academic Major(s): Marketing, Sociology

Hannah has positively impacted many lives across the Madison community through her leadership in the PEOPLE Program, Business Emerging Leaders (BEL) Program, Wisconsin Without Borders Marketplace, Second Harvest, and St. Vincent de Paul. As a BEL Program Senior Residential Mentor, she facilitated programs focusing on social justice and inclusion, and coached new residential mentors in conflict resolution and cross-cultural communication strategies. Additionally, she organized workshops to help encourage professional development, college readiness, and academic excellence. Currently, as a PEOPLE Prep Lead Tutor, Hannah encourages tutors to collaborate, and teaches creative problem solving to empower tutors to help students from diverse backgrounds. Through Hannah's many leadership roles, and her work in creating inclusive and welcoming communities, she will leave a long-lasting impact at UW-Madison and in the greater community. After graduation, Hannah aspires to work for a non-profit organization which focuses on public health or education.

Student Affairs Units

Shannon Thao

Division of Diversity, Equity, and Educational Achievement Academic Major: Community & Nonprofit Leadership, Certificate in Educational Policy

A Madison native, Shannon is a senior graduating this spring. Building from her own identity and educational experiences as an underrepresented scholar, Shannon's vision to create accessible, responsive, and community centered spaces for students of color in K-12 schools and higher education drives her work. An active advocate for community-centered spaces, Shannon has spearheaded Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) Heritage Month for Spring 2018 and serves in the APIDA Cultural Center Organizing Committee. She reveres the power of collectives and capitalizes on opportunities to support the mission and work of the DDEEA as a student intern. In the upcoming year, Shannon will continue working with Freedom Inc., a non-profit dedicated to bringing about deep social, political, cultural, and economic change for African American and Southeast Asian communities in Madison.

Anisa Yudawanti

Morgridge Center for Public Service

Academic Major(s): Educational Policy, Human Development & Family Studies

Anisa is a junior and student leader on campus. For the past two years, she has served as a peer advising intern at the Morgridge Center for Public Service. In this role, Anisa meets with students and student organization leaders to help them make meaningful connections with local community organizations. Anisa leads the Morgridge Center's Equity and Inclusion Organizational Culture team where she is working collaboratively to enrich the workplace climate at the Morgridge Center. She also does research focused on children with incarcerated parents. During her senior year, Anisa will be taking on the role of the Morgridge Center's community outreach intern to support registered student organizations form stronger reciprocal partnerships with community organizations. After graduating, Anisa hopes to enter the field of education policy.

Samantha Rauch

Recreational Sports

Academic Major(s): Psychology, Certificates in Global Health, Gender & Women's Studies

Samantha is a junior expecting to graduate in May 2019. This summer, she is applying to physician's assistant graduate programs. Since the spring semester of her freshman year, she been very involved in the Division of Recreational Sports. She has worked as a lifeguard, lifeguard instructor, and is currently an aquatics supervisor. For the past two years, Samantha has facilitated Class Act: a program through the Center for Leadership and Involvement that teaches first-year students about diversity and inclusivity issues on campus. This past winter break, she volunteered with Alternative Breaks in Memphis, TN, where she participated in city clean up, volunteered at a local charter school, and biked around the city giving burritos and other supplies to the homeless. She also worked as an undergraduate research assistant at the Infant Learning Lab in the Waisman Center and a certified nursing assistant at Oakwood Village University Woods. Currently, she volunteers at Meriter Hospital in the emergency room.

Brooke Nelson

University Health Services

Academic Major: Biology, Certificates in Environmental Studies, Global Health

Brooke, UHS Student Wellness Assistant, will be graduating in May 2018. Brooke's passion for making a difference on campus started with a project designed to bring healthy perishable food to the new student-run Open Seat Food Pantry. She went on to help convene a coalition of student organizations to address concerns of low-income students and reduce the stigma of food insecurity. As a Slow Food UW intern, she worked to make market baskets of healthy produce affordable and accessible. Her other contributions to a healthy community include swimming in Lake Mendota to gather aquatic plant samples, interviewing 5th graders about their mindfulness curriculum, and leading volunteers in recycling 40% of all waste generated at UW sporting events. Brooke demonstrates so much potential to impact public health in her career.

Shanthi Cambala

University Housing

Academic Major(s): Molecular Biology, Certificates in German, Global Health, and Leadership

Shanthi is a senior graduating this spring with a major in Molecular Biology and Certificates in German, Global Health, and Leadership. She has contributed to University Housing each of her years on campus, being involved as a hall representative and peer mentor in the Bradley Learning Community, along with serving as a University Housing chemistry tutor and as a house fellow. Her community involvements include four years of leadership in Students Participating in Chemical Education, as well as volunteering at Meriter Hospital, St. Vincent de Paul Charitable Pharmacy, Badger Volunteers, and the McFarland Youth Center. She has won a number of awards for her efforts, including being selected as the Fall 2017 Student Speaker for the Chancellor's New Student Convocation. Next Fall, Shanthi will be attending Emory University to pursue a Master's in Public Health.

Fernanda Martinez-Rodriguez

Wisconsin Union

Academic Major(s): Art History, Religious Studies, Certificate in Middle East Studies

Fernanda is an international student studying Art History and Religious Studies with a certificate in Middle East Studies, and will graduate in 2019. She has been an active student leader on campus, serving in multiple roles with the Wisconsin Union Directorate and other campus organizations. Fernanda was instrumental in facilitating a film festival designing the film website. This past year she served as the editor in chief for Illuminations, the undergraduate journal of humanities, where she organized numerous campus wide events for publication. In addition, Fernanda has served as a Tutor for GUTS.

This year is the final year of the Meyerhoff Undergraduate Excellence Awards. We would like to express our utmost gratitude to Mr. Meyerhoff for bringing the scholarships to life, and for all of his support throughout the years. The Meyerhoff Undergraduate Excellence Awards have impacted hundreds of student's lives, distributing awards for the past 26 years.

The Ginsberg family is eager to sustain this legacy and take over the scholarships, while honoring the tenants of the original awards: leadership, service, and scholarship. Remembering the late Dean of Students Paul Ginsberg, they recognize the transformational potential that the awards have on the recipient's Wisconsin Experience. We acknowledge the incredible commitment that supporting these awards takes, and are grateful for the Ginsberg family for making this contribution to campus.

Additionally, we would like to recognize the following units for their generous support in ensuring the continued success of the awards:

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